

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1951

Nine

## Sixth Graders Plan So. American Trip

A sixth grade class at the Greenwood Elementary School is learning a lot about the three Rs and getting seeds of enjoyment out of the process.

The social studies period of Miss Katherine Kenta's class has taken a new approach to the once dull task of putting newly learned knowledge to work.

Planned by the youngsters under the guidance of their teacher, the class is approaching their reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and science lessons through the various aspects of the aviation industry.

The students are attending aviation school, in fact. Some of the students have elected to be flight engineers, some stewards, others navigators and meteorologists. Problems of soliciting and arranging for airline reservations are studied by others.

### AIR TOUR SET

A simulated air tour of several South American countries will be the goal of the class. The students are now studying the various aspects of such a flight so each will be ready for his part when the take-off day arrives.

To get ready for the trip, the engineers are doing research on different types of planes and are delving into some of the basic fundamentals of aerodynamics — or the problem of heavier-than-air flights.

The navigators have been busy with maps, figuring out the difference between globes and flat maps, and reading everything they can find on the problems of navigation.

In their reading, it was pointed out by Principal Ray Eller-

man, the students are reading about things that interest them, and are therefore making more progress than they would with the usual "John saw Mary and asked: 'How are you?'" type of reading material.

The same applies to each of the other fields of learning which the students delve into willingly in search of information for their flight.

### CLOUDS DESCRIBED

The group studying meteorology came up with the conclusion that the type of clouds over Torrance during the past week were Cumulus Nimbus. And, they're probably right, for they have spent several weeks studying the various cloud formations.

Cloud formations are important to understand when you're several hundred miles from anywhere in an airplane, one of the young meteorologists explained.

Stewardesses for the flight have been studying the various duties of the profession and in addition have been practicing first aid with the help of several large dolls which have been bandaged and rebandaged during the past several weeks.

### REPORTS MADE

To keep the class from be-

coming too specialized in the various groups into which it is divided, students studying navigation, as an example, are required to prepare periodic reports which are passed on to the other members of the class.

Each section of the flight training program must do the same. "By doing this," Miss Kenta said, "the student is given the problem of preparing a report which must be accurate, and it gives him excellent experience in writing in his own style."

### CLASS BUSY

During the 40-minute class, students work on the various phases of their aviation study and deliver the reports which have been prepared on the progress of their study.

"It seems to me like an easy, yet a very productive way to teach some of the more interesting things which the 20th Century citizen needs to know along with the fundamentals of reading, writing clearly, and putting the knowledge of geography and science to practical use in solving the problems which arise," said Principal Ellerman.

"So far, we do not have a pilot," Miss Kenta reported. "The qualifications are high. We shall choose our pilot and co-pilot from the ones who successfully complete a study in any of the aviation sciences," she said.

By the time the pilot is picked, a roomful of Torrance sixth-graders will fly out of their earth-bound classroom on an interesting and educational tour of South America.

## Elect Eight Board Directors

Eight newly elected directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were welcomed into their new offices Monday afternoon by Henry W. Creeger, Chamber president.

Expansion of the Chamber board from nine to 15 members was recommended by President Creeger in order to broaden the scope of the organization's activities and to make its directorate more representative of the entire community.

In a run-off election from 16 nominees, also chosen by membership ballot, the entire membership was polled by mail and chose the following new board members: Bob Haggard, Henry W. Creeger (re-elected), Dr. G. M. Eastham, Paul Loranger, J. H. Paget, Grover C. Whyte, Don A. Wagen and Darwin Parrish.

Under Chamber by-laws, another director will be appointed by the board who, with six directors whose terms have not expired, will round out the 15-member governing body.

For the purpose of setting up a new dues schedule, President Creeger appointed Directors Robert I. Plomert Jr., J. H. Paget, Darwin Parrish and Dr. G. M. Eastham as a classification and dues schedule committee. They are to study the present practices and recommend improvements.

An extensive employment and labor-supply survey will be undertaken with the aid of the State Department of Employment, according to Porter E. Magruder, assistant chief, division of development and stabilization of employment, who outlined the plans for the fact-finding survey to Chamber directors. Magruder explained that the State Employment Department was endeavoring to perfect a plan for handling unemployment in the event of a business recession, while there was time to do such work during the present high-employment period.



**EXPANDED CHAMBER BOARD . . .** Meeting together for the first time since elected, are members of the more representative Chamber of Commerce board of directors. Seated (left to right) are Reed H. Parkin, Chamber vice president and secretary-treasurer Donamco Corp.; Henry W. Creeger, Chamber president and manager of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Torrance plant; Charles T. Rippey, Chamber vice president and attorney. Standing (middle row) Blaine Walker, Chamber executive secretary; Charles Schultz Jr., liaison member of Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce; Chamber directors: Bob L. Haggard, mayor and realtor; Robert I. Plomert Jr., manager tax department, General Petroleum Corp.; William A. Zoeller,

Chamber treasurer and certified public accountant; Dr. G. M. Eastham, ophthalmologist and Otto A. Kresse, general superintendent, Columbia Steel Co., Torrance works.

Standing, in rear, Directors J. H. Paget, manager J. J. Newberry Co., Torrance store; Paul Loranger, owner Paul's Chevrolet; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools and liaison member for Board of Education; Darwin Parrish, owner Parrish Stationery; Grover C. Whyte, publisher, Torrance Herald and Dean L. Sears, manager Torrance branch, Bank of America. Not present for the picture was Director A. D. Wagen, division manager Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, paint division. (Herald photo).



**THE ENGINEERS . . .** Air-minded students of Miss Katherine Kenta's sixth grade class at Greenwood Avenue School are checking flight plans for a simulated South American tour. Left to right are Ronald Moore, Philip Edwards and Billy Moore. In the background Sandra Rathbun makes a reservation for the flight for Russell Vanderpool. (Herald photo).



**THE CIRCLE ROUTE . . .** Checking the great circle route are (left to right) Joe Rios, Raymond Vanderpool, Charles White, Charles Reese and Jack Wikom. The boys are navigators for the proposed South American tour. (Herald photo).

## Riviera Pilot Dies in Crash

A Hollywood Riviera airline pilot was killed early Tuesday in the crash of a training plane near Denver, Colorado.

The pilot, Capt. Jordan D. Kocher, died when the United Air Lines DC-3 training plane in which he was acting as an instructor crashed about an hour after it had taken off from Stapleton field in Denver.

Captain Kocher, 38, lived at 804 Calle de Arboles in Hollywood Riviera. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and son, Eric. The pilot and his family moved to Hollywood Riviera two years ago.

Two student pilots also were killed in the plane crash. Captain Kocher was on detached service from his Los Angeles base, acting as a special instructor, at the time of his death. United officials have been unable to determine the cause of the crash.



**DOROTHY TURNER**  
... Home on Leave

## WAVE Here On Leave

Dorothy Lorraine Turner, seaman, USN, flew back to Washington, D. C., today after spending 10 days at home on leave.

The Narbonne High graduate, who works in a Navy disbursing department, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, 1860 Plaza del Amo, Torrance.

## 41 Herald Carriers Win Free Trip to Wrestling Matches

Forty-one Torrance Herald carriers—winners in a recently conducted salesmanship contest among carriers—attended the wrestling matches in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium last week as guests of the Herald, and one thing was evident after the last match:

Wild Red Berry has a new fan club.

The 41 carriers made the trip to Long Beach in a Torrance City bus and were accompanied by members of the Herald staff and its distributors.

The young fans, who collected an average of six photographs apiece at the arena, gave Wild Red Berry a rousing welcome before the matches and vowed to support him in future matches.

They saw Berry and Lord Blears beat the Becker Brothers in the main event, and collected signatures from Dick Lane, Jim

Mitchell, Lord Blears and others. "There can be many more such trips," Advertising Manager J. Donovan Mills told the happy gang after the matches.

Making the trip were:

Vernon Booth, 1711 Crenshaw

Bobby Vierhaus, 1605 Acacia

Stacy Turner, 2030 W. 231st

Richard Minnis, 21128 S. Hobart

Bennie Colclasure, 721 Cota

Johnny Anderson, 2307 Cabrillo

Gary Bennett, 1609 Post

Jay Bennett, 1609 Post

Bobby Bauman, 1504 Post

Harvey Byrd, 1932 W. 238th

Hamilton Cowan, 1518 Post

Kenny Kail, 1544 W. 216th

Joe Montez, 1627 W. 209th

Roberta Holloway, 1413 W. 220th

Franklin Zurschmidt, 1820 Tor-

rance

Chris Ferragamo, 1203 Hickory

David Ritchey, 1414 W. 218th

Dennis J. Hamilton, 1435 1/2 W.

219th

Douglas Ames, 21325 Moneta

Kenneth Ames, 21325 Moneta

Jimmy Minnis, 21128 S. Hobart

Stanley Welpton, 720 Portola

Bobby Edens, 1546 W. 219th

Virginia Montez, 1627 W. 209th

Frank Montez, 1627 W. 209th

Frank Brummitt, 1544 W. 203rd

Earl A. Cox, 20609 Elliott

Wayne Martin, 1432 W. Carson

Bobby Wolf, 21804 Halldale

Roger Jackson, 17032 Delia

Tommy Espinosa, 18908 Haas

Bobby Nix, 17316 Ardath

Douglas Whitecotton, 18207

Prairie

Lee Lush, 2715 W. 174th

Timmy Whyte, 5319 Sharynne

Lane

Harold Matthews, 2117 Torrance

John Venable, 1820 Torrance

Walter Conklin, 1212 Cranbrook

Kenneth Davis, 2208 C. Cabrillo

Robert White, 2317 Sierra

Paul Woofor Jr., 1459 1/2 W. 219.



**FAN CLUB . . .** New members of the Wild Red Berry fan club are these 41 Herald carriers who attended the wrestling matches in Long Beach last week as guests of the Herald. The carriers making the trip were winners in a salesmanship contest sponsored by the Herald. (Herald photo).

## It'll Be Redondo Next

## Court-Goers Still Must Hit the Road

Local court-goers are still going to be travel-weary when the new municipal court system is put into effect.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby unsuccessfully contended before the Board of Supervisors recently that more courthouses should be constructed, or at least there should be a traveling judge.

Darby's pitch was that "a judge sitting one day in Gardena and another day at Torrance would be able to save litigants traveling miles to court, sacrificing days away from work or business, which could entail financial loss or expense—and thus be of tremendous accommodation to the people."

However, the other four supervisors said "nay."

So, persons with court business from Lomita and Rolling Hills will have to travel to Redondo Beach, where the new "South Bay Justice Court" is

## Dohner Takes Over Reins

Allen Dohner, 18831 Haas, has been named Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 315 or Torrance, it has been announced.

Dohner was formerly a Scoutmaster in Santa Monica.

Troop 315 meets each Tuesday night at Moose Hall. The troop formerly used the Halldale avenue school as its headquarters.



**THEIR HERO . . .** Crowding around wrestler Wild Red Berry are Herald carriers who cornered the fiery mat artist before the matches at Long Beach last week to get his autograph. (Herald photo).